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INFORMATION FOR STUDENT TEAMS:
Oregon's only statewide invention competition

#RoadtoInventOR #InventOregon



From idea to prototype in 90 days

Invent Oregon is the state's largest prototyping competition for college and university students.

Students from all disciplines take their invention from idea to prototype in less than 90 days with help from mentors, business development and product design resources, and up to \$2,500 prototyping grant.

Invent Oregon student impact

76%

of students say
Invent Oregon helped
them see themselves
as inventors

75%

of students will likely
or definitely pursue
commercializing
their invention after
participating
in Invent Oregon

74%

of students say Invent
Oregon helped them
gain access to resources
and make valuable
connections to help
further their prototype

73%

of students say Invent
Oregon helped them refine
their business model



WHO is eligible?

- 1 Student teams from any discipline with a concept based on a new invention or innovation based on existing technology.
- 2 Inventions must address solutions that will impact communities or people's lives or have an impact at scale in markets.
- 3 Teams must consist of two or more people. At least one team member must be an eligible student directly affiliated with an Oregon college or university as described below. Faculty members cannot participate as team members. We recommend that teams consist of one technical and one business lead.

See [website](#) for more details on eligibility



WHEN?

Invent Oregon Timeline

September

Applications open

Schools open applications and select participating teams to compete in preliminaries (~5-10 teams).

November
to April

Local competition

Schools host preliminary competition. Top two teams awarded \$500 and continue to semi-finals.

April

InventOR Bootcamp and Semifinals

June

Invent Oregon Collegiate Challenge Finals



WHY PARTICIPATE IN INVENT OREGON?

Connections

Exposure

**Funding &
Resources**



Connections

Student teams connect with Oregon's entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystem and meet industry leaders. Students **walk away with valuable connections that will help them in their future careers**, in achieving academic success, and on their path to entrepreneurship.

Exposure

Teams showcase their prototypes and pitch their ideas to a local and national audience of business leaders, company founders, and investors. All teams gain valuable exposure that will help them advance their prototype, launch their own startups, and learn how to turn their ideas into reality.



A man and a woman are celebrating on a stage. The man, on the left, is wearing a green button-down shirt, glasses, and a lanyard with a white ID badge. He has his arms raised in a celebratory gesture. The woman, on the right, is wearing a white patterned button-down shirt and glasses. She is smiling and looking towards the man. In the background, another person is partially visible. The stage has a dark background with some yellow lighting. A yellow decorative graphic is in the bottom left corner.

Funding & Resources

All participating teams receive a **\$500 prototyping grant**. All finalist teams receive an additional \$2,000 prototyping grant. All students participate in our two-day intensive workshop where they receive mentorship, business development support, pitch training, and additional resources to help them on their road to Invent Oregon.

PARTNER SCHOOLS

To be eligible, students must be enrolled in a participating partner school. See www.inventoregon.org for more information on eligibility and how to participate. Our partner schools are:

- Clackamas Community College
- Eastern Oregon University
- George Fox University
- Lewis and Clark College
- Linfield College
- Klamath Community College
- Oregon Health and Science University
- Oregon Institute of Technology
- Oregon State University
- Portland Community College
- Portland State University
- Rogue Community College
- Southern Oregon University
- Southwestern Oregon Community College
- University of Oregon
- University of Portland
- Warner Pacific University
- Western Oregon University
- Willamette University





What students are saying about Invent Oregon

“You have this idea and passion and you are ready to go out and work on it and sometimes you don’t get the support that you need to make it happen. Getting Invent Oregon’s support said to me that they believe in me, my idea and that I was capable to build it. I’m grateful to be part of Invent Oregon and now I believe that I have the power to change the world.”

Moriah Shay, Ideation Station - Oregon State University

Moriah Shay participated in Invent Oregon in 2017 with her prototype for **Ideation Station**: A mobile maker space equipped with tools and machinery to reach underrepresented makers in Corvallis, Oregon.



What students are saying about Invent Oregon

“InventOR taught me much about the value of a well organized team where all members have unique skills that individually contribute toward the end goal...Networking with other students, schools, and industry professionals was probably the biggest highlight for me personally.”

Loren Langdon, Printed Pet Prosthetics - Rogue Community College

“Participating in InventOR showed me that I CAN be an inventor, I CAN be an entrepreneur, and gave me the confidence to do so moving forward. You don't have to have inventing experience to be involved in InventOR, use it as an opportunity to grow and learn with your team. Teamwork really does make the dream work!”

Sormi Backus, Printed Pet Prosthetics - Rogue Community College

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